

Hamden High School

School Governance Council

Meeting Date: Monday, May 8, 2017

Members: Robin Lamott Sparks, parent, Kevin Keating, teacher, Paul Giansanti, Vice Principal, Paul Darcy, parent, Kim Forselius Bielen, parent, Sherlet Kurian, parent, Christy Palumbo, parent, Alicia Norris, parent, Elisa James, teacher, Steven DelGrego, teacher, Cate Marshall, teacher, Nadine Gannon, Principal, Anna Lisa Aurora, teacher, Judith Goldberg, parent, Chris Daur, Board of Education representative

Agenda

Meeting Minutes taken by: Kim Bielen

Update from Principle Gannon
Update on Compact
Update on Elections/Terms
Discussion on Academic Reporting

6:00pm

1. Approved April 2017 Minutes

6:05pm

2. Discussed HHS Compact

- a. Alicia Norris completing finalization of HHS Compact with collaboration from teachers /students/parents. Thank you for all your dedication and diligence regarding this project all that participated.
- b. Editing and proof reading to be done (reviewed individually Gov. Council member's comments brought to Compact Committee attention)
- c. Include Parent responsibilities in Compact
- d. Include emphasis on importance of students arriving on time to school in Compact.

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6:30pm

3. BOE meetings (added to agenda)

- a. Christy Palumbo made a good point in mentioning the importance of council parent members to attend BOE meetings on a regular basis: to keep council updated on issues, concerns and BOE agendas, continue good communication between committees.
- b. Possible rotation of Gov. Council parent's members to attend regularly BOE meetings. Schedule possibly created?

6:40pm

4. Discussed Elections/Terms of Governance Council

- a. New HHS teachers for Governance Council announced to sit for new term. 3 teacher openings and 3 teacher nominations, which permitted no need for a teacher vote.
 - Teacher Elect for next Term: Erica Tamsin (English Department)
 - Teacher Elect for next Term: Chris Thomas (Social Studies Department)
 - Kevin Keating will be starting his 2nd term
- b. Regrading Parent nomination for the next term Dr. James had informed the Gov. Council that exactly 7 nominations for parent members for the school Governance Council had been sent as of now. Originally it was missed counted, a student nomination went in as a parent nomination. This would mean a vote at this time would not have to take place. The parent nominees thus far are:
 - Christy Palumbo

- Sherlet Kurian
- Kim Bielen
- Judy Goldberg
- Sherlet Kurian suggested that even though we might not need a Parent election because not enough nominations we should still post all the parent statements online so the parents at HHS are aware who is representing them. Also, stating on HHS web site that since 7 nominations, and 7 slots, an election wasn't necessary.
- A special appreciation to Judy Goldberg and Dr. Sherlet Kurian, Dr. Elisa. James and all others in Council who coordinated Elections/Terms for Gov. Council

6:50pm

Discussion on Academic reporting

- a. Sherlet Kurian sent email to Council and asked if Power School could be added to meeting at Central Office. Mr. Cocchiola was sent an invite to join meeting June 12th, 2017
- b. Follow up conversation regarding Power School's effectiveness this past year at HHS. Robyn Sparks asked about generation of reports to gather data? How can this assist with academic performance for students? Communications with parents? Teachers?
- c. How can we utilize Power School to HHS's advantage regarding Tardiness? Regarding academics?
- d. Next Gov. Council meeting in June 2017 Christy Palumbo will provide feedback from her Power School Assessment and Review meeting that is scheduled June 2, 2017.

7:14pm

Meeting Adjourned for evening. Next meeting Monday June 12, , 2017



